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WRAP UP
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You Can Look It Up: Staff. Quick Reference. You Name It.

We now have a new DCS Staff Directory and Quick Reference Guide available on the web for your convenience. It is available on the Internet at the below link:

<http://www.state.tn.us/youth/dcsinfo/org/DeptStaffDirectory.htm>

Or you can access this information by going to the DCS Internet page and selecting the General Information tab at the top left hand corner. Then select the third bullet, which will be the Departmental Staff Directory.

There are two selections:

- 1) DCS Staff Directory which will give the entire department, the Central Office and All Regions combined or
- 2) Individual selections in which you may select Central Office & Senior Staff or each of the individuals regions.

Regional listings include a page for each county with the office address and phone number, or if there is no office in that county, the listing will indicate the location and telephone number of the nearest DCS Office. County pages also list the legislators

- both House and Senate, the Juvenile Judges, any Referees, and the Team Coordinators and Team Leaders in Juvenile Justice, CPS, Adoption, Foster Care/Social Services, Foster Parent Support Unit, and Resource Management, as well as the address and telephone number of the Child Advocacy Centers if one is available in that county.

The regional page will identify the Regional Administrator, Program Coordinator, Supervising Attorney and Central Office Liaison as well as other Health and Education Contacts.

- Tammy Feldman

Get Ready to Sign



2005

Annual Enrollment for Flexible Benefits for the Plan Year 2006 begins Nov 15, 2005 -Dec 1, 2005 for all Central State Employee's. Should you need assistance please contact the Financial Services Office at 1-877-681-0155 or (615) 741-3131. Enrollment forms may also be obtained at this web site:

www.treasury.state.tn.us

- Nicole Ramey

THE WRAP UP

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SCARY NEW VISIONS

Halloween we had a few fun events for the students here at New Visions. There was an haunted house that was set up and run by staff (this included a very spooky story that had real props).

Once the student went through the haunted house they received a goodie bag of assorted candy after saying, "Trick or Treat". The students and staff painted each others' faces. They painted pumpkins and made masks out of balloons, glue and shredded paper.

Our education staff did a wonderful job of making this a very enjoyable holiday for the students and staff.

Quan Hancock

INGENUITY FUELS CQI

We have innovative staff in the Southeast Region. Innovative enough to come up with a way to get involved in helping families and children that we serve.

I am talking about a CQI team. A diverse CQI team made up of administrative staff. Some are clerks, some secretaries, personnel techs, account clerks and no two people sharing the same job responsibilities. This group of staff struggled for months trying to come up with something they could do to impact the families and children that we serve with little success. They never gave up.

They currently are working on Food Boxes for our non-custodial families for the Thanksgiving Holiday. They have "dressed" boxes that they will be distributing to the 10 county offices that we serve for employees to donate food items for the needy families.

The team: Sarah Crispin, Personnel Tech; Suzanne Lemons, Account Tech; Brenda Asbury, Account Clerk; Alex Gadd, Clerk; Pattie Norman, Secretary; Tina Rogers, Administrative Secretary; Sheila Scott, Personnel Tech; Cynthia Thomas, FSA. A non-member that is also helping with this project is Tracy Billue, Team Leader, Family Preservation Unit.

-- Elaine Hong

Dear Mrs. Holman,

I just needed to drop a line about one of your Shelby DCS workers. I know that you hear a great deal of bad about your workers; however this is great.

I am a foster parent for Camelot Care Services and I have a 13 year old in my home that has gone through a great deal for a child his age. He has a counselor at Camelot by the name of Mai Farrell who has been a great asset in helping this young man through so many tough times. . . I definitely want to honor to one of your own: Kisha Burnett . . . She is very thorough and very consistent.

I have never worked with a DCS worker who had the same pleasant attitude all the time. Ms. Burnett takes care of business and whatever we need from DCS that Camelot cannot handle, I never have to worry because I know she will get it done . . .

I just want you to know that you have a great DCS worker in Mrs. Burnett and I like to give credit and praise to which it is do!

Triciena Green